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1. This communication is responsive to 5/17/2010.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-39.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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9. Other _____.

/Peter Radkowski/
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Detailed Office Action

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claim 13 of the application has been amended as follows:

13. (Examiner's Amendment) A support portion according to claim 11 or claim 12 when appendant to claim 3 or a claim appendant thereto characterised in that the spacer element (6) has a through passage on the side towards the supporting surface (2, 2'), in which the wave-modifying element (5, 5') is arranged.

Comments

1. Claims 1-39 are allowed. The restriction requirement to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted, as set forth in the Office action mailed on December 1, 2008, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.** Claim 12-16 directed to drawn to a carrier for the optical components and a spacer element for mounting further components on the carrier no longer withdrawn from consideration because the claim(s) requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Response to Applicant's Arguments

2. As applicant argues, prior art reference Tichenor (4,187,534; "Tichenor") fails to teach a "support element portion" having openings connected by bores. Remarks, May 17, 2010; p. 8, ll. 1-6; and Interview, May 13, 2010. This argument is persuasive in light of applicant's amendments to independent claim 1 wherein applicant adds the limitation of "at least two openings" of "one supporting surface" connected by "at least one bore" to "at least one opening" a second "surface;" and to independent claim 22 wherein applicant adds the limitation of "the through passages connect each of the openings and the first and second surfaces together." These limitations facilitate the mounting of wave-modifying elements.

Tichenor remains the closest prior art of record in this application. However, in light of the applicant's amendment, claims 1-39 are allowable as distinguished over the prior art of record because of the reason stated above. It is this examiner's position that prior art, taken

alone, fails to disclose or, taken in combination, fails to render obvious the limitations of the claims discussed above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Reasons for Allowance.”

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-21 and 33-37 are allowed.

Independent claim 1 is allowed because the prior art, taken alone, fails to disclose or, taken in combination, fails to render obvious a support element having: supporting surfaces (2.2',2"); wherein the at least two openings of the one supporting surface and the at least one opening of the other supporting surface are connected together by way of at least one through bore; in combination with the other recited limitations in the claim.

Claims 2-21 and 33-37 are allowable as dependent upon claim 1.

4. Claims 22-32 and 38-39 are allowed.

Independent claim 22 is allowed because the prior art, taken alone, fails to disclose or, taken in combination, fails to render obvious a method of producing a support portion for mounting at least two wave-modifying elements, comprising the steps: selecting a material block having a first and a second surface; providing one or more through passages, so that the through passages connect each of the openings and the first and second surfaces together; in combination with the other recited limitations in the claim.

Claims 23-32 and 38-39 are allowable as dependent upon claim 22.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record in Form 892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Radkowski whose telephone number is (571) 270-1613. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 8 AM to 5 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Robinson, can be reached on (571) 272-2319. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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